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SURGEON GENERAL, DOD FOR DEPT OF THE ARMY

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SUBJECT: GERM WARFARE TRUCE

1. TWO WEEKS AGO THE INDIAN PAPERS AND PARLIAMENT WERE
RAGING WITH STORIES OF AMERICAN FINANCED GERM WARFARE
RESEARCH. INSTEAD OF DENYING THE CHARGE WE TOOK THE
POSITION THAT WE COULD NOT COMMENT ON SO SENSITIVE AN
INTERNAL QUESTION AS WHETHER OR NOT THE GANDHI
ADMINISTRATION WAS WORKING FOR THE PENTAGON.

2. THIS WEEK THE PRESS IS FILLED WITH DETAILED DENIALS
OF THE ORIGINAL CHARGE, BASED ON A GOVERNMENT WHITE
PAPER THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT FOR "BACKGROUND." AN
EDITORIAL IN THE TIMES OF INDIA THIS MORNING, ENTITLED
"SUSPICIONS ALLAYED" NOTED OUR TACTIC. QUOTE: FORTUNATELY,
BOTH NEW DELHI AND WASHINGTON HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO PLAY UP
THE SUGGESTION THAT THE REPORT WAS PLANTED TO CREATE
MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO. INDEED AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL
WENT SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST THAT IT "SEEMED TO BE MORE A
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VEHICLE TO HAMMER MRS. GANDHI'S GOVERNMENT FOR

COMPLICITY THAN TO ATTACK THE UNITED STATES." END QUOTE.
JOURNALISTS ARE VOLUNTEERING TO UU THAT THE PRIME
MINISTER'S OFFICE WAS SHAKEN BY IT ALL AND THAT THE
EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE PRESS TRUST OF INDIA, C. RAGHAVAN,
WHO WAS BEHIND THE STORY, IS IN TROUBLE OF SORTS.
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